

Remarks

Claims 2, 4-6, 19-21, 23, 25, 26, 28-31, and 39-51 were pending in this application. By this amendment, claims 4 and 44 are amended and claims 2, 5, 6, 19-21, 23, 25, 26, 28-31, 39-42, and 49-51 are canceled. Claim 4 is amended to correct matters of form. Claim 44 is amended to remove unexamined subject matter.

Applicants believe that no new matter has been added by these amendments. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the deleted and canceled subject matter in a related application. After entry of this amendment, claims 4 and 43-48 are pending

Applicants thank Examiner Baskar for the courtesy of the telephone interviews with their representative, Dr. Anne Carlson, on September 9, 2008 and September 10, 2008. During the interviews, the claims were discussed and agreement was reached on which claims are currently allowable. As the claim amendments submitted herewith implement the Examiner's suggestions, Applicants believe that the claims are now in condition for allowance, and respectfully request such notification in a subsequent Office communication.

Conclusions

Based on the foregoing, Applicants believe that the pending claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested. If for any reason the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite allowance of the claims, please telephone Applicants' undersigned representative at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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